

IN THE CLAIMS (as originally filed):

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A method for conveying mailpieces using an electronic parcel compartment system, wherein when a mailpiece is deposited, the electronic parcel compartment system records and/or generates identification information that identifies the mailpiece, and, during subsequent processing steps of the mailpieces, the identification information is recorded and/or evaluated in a data processing unit that stores transport data, and the identification information is stored in the electronic parcel compartment system and/or in a central data processing unit, wherein the identification information contains monetary information, in the area of the electronic parcel compartment system, the method comprising the steps of carrying out a payment checking procedure to confirm the presence of at least one of a monetary amount and monetary information in a predefinable amount, and activating an access possibility for depositing a mailpiece, if the payment checking procedure has confirmed the presence of at least one of said monetary amount and said monetary information, and relating the size of the compartment that opens directly to a set of numbers of the recorded identification information and opening a compartment of the appropriate size for a set of numbers of a certain price class.

13. (New) The method of Claim 12, comprising recording the depositing of the mailpiece into the electronic parcel compartment system in a data processing unit that stores transport data.

14. (New) The method of Claim 12, comprising the data processing unit that stores transport data sending a digital notification message for picking up the parcel.

15. (New) The method of Claim 12, wherein at least one of the notification message and the identification information contains information about the transport of the mailpiece, and comprising the setup of effecting the transport of the mailpiece at least partially on the basis of this information.

16. (New) The method of Claim 12, comprising recording the identification code when the mailpiece is deposited and when the mailpiece is removed from the parcel compartment system by a deliverer.